

Recently, the FCC ruled that interpreters for Video Relay Service have to interpret legal calls even if it is a deposition. I am an interpreter and I interpret for VRS. This decision goes against our profession by causing us to break our Code of Ethics. Asking those of us who are not legally trained to interpret these highly complicated proceedings puts the Deaf client in a very dangerous position. I find it to be just as dangerous as asking someone who has never been trained as an attorney to represent the Deaf client. Having me go into court to interpret could cause a mis-trial because I am not legally trained. I do not see why this would be any different just because it is over the phone. I am a professional interpreter and I do not want to see my profession compromised. Please think about the grave decision this has on everyone involved.